(b) the action being taken by the Government to repair the same and to ensure their proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Surface damages/rain cut occured at placed over the National Highway net work in U.P.

(b) During 1995-96, 25 Nos. of estimates totalling to Rs. 276.29 lakhs were sanctioned. However during 1996-97, road damage repair estimates of about Rs. 350.00 lakhs for U.P. State are likely to be approved subject to the availability of funds.

Norms for Admission in Private Institutions

2435. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has drafted a new regulation for admissions and fee structure of self-financing courses in private non-aided professional institutions; and

(b) if so, the details of the same and the time by which they are likely to be finalised and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Financial Assistance to Karnataka Hospitals

2436. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to the Karnataka Government for procurement of essential medicines and other essential equipments for eliminating paucity of these in many Government Hospitals in the State;

(b) if so, the quantum assistance provided therefor;

(c) whether the said money has been properly and fully utilised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, World Bank has sanctioned in June, 1996, the State Health Systems Project in Karnataka at an estimated cost of Rs. 546 crores to strengthen the health set-up at the secondary level in the State and to provide the necessary linkages from Community level to District level hospitals. As part of the project amongst other assistance, some drugs, equipment and material will be provided to the identified hospitals.

Small Dam Scheme

2437. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the activities anti to big dam are urging the Government to prepare small dam schemes to connect river water of States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) There have been a few cases of protests against construction of large dams in India on grounds of rehabilitation and environmental issues. However, the present strategy in Water Resources Development in the country is based on a mix of options consisting of large, medium and small surface water storage, diversion and lift schemes, ground water development through deep/shallow tubewells and open wells and micro watershed development schemes. Each of the above mentioned options has its own place and a judicious mix of all these options is needed for the optimum utilisation of water resources in the country.

Mahila Samridhi Yojana

2438. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of women who have opened accounts under Mahila Samridhi Yojana and total quantum of money deposits by them, as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government have formuated any policy to make the rural women professionally self-reliant and prosperous;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the same is being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) to (d) No such policy has been prepared.

Statement

(As on 31.1.97)

Rank	States/UTs	No. of A/cs opened (fig. in lacs)	Amount Deposited (in crores)
1	2	3	4
A. States			
1.	Assam	14.73	10.53
2.	Madhya Pradesh	34.04	17.28

1	2	3	4
3.	Tamil Nadu	23.71	18.23
4.	Mizoram	0.21	0.43
5.	Goa	0.39	0.67
6.	Andhra Pradesh	26.16	30.64
7.	Haryana	6.39	9.73
8.	Karnataka	14.52	21.60
9.	Punjab	6.16	7.59
10.	Gujarat	10.18	18.67
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1.75	4.54
12.	Uttar Pradesh	35.65	36.85
13.	Sikkim	0.12	0.13
14.	Orissa	8.32	10.64
15.	Rajasthan	9.36	12.92
16.	Kerala	5.12	6.63
17.	West Bengal	10.00	13.69
18.	Manipur	0.24	0.17
19.	Maharashtra	8.41	15.32
20.	Tripura	0.34	0.38
21.	Bihar	9.78	6.57
22.	Jammu and Kashmir	0.69	0.56
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.04	0.06
24.	Nagaland	0.04	0.10
25.	Delhi	0.04	0.09
26.	Meghalaya	0.05	0.03
B. Union Territories			
1.	Chandigarh	0.12	0.09
2.	Lakshadweep	0.02	0.02
3.	Pondicherry	0.20	0.16
4.	Daman and Diu	0.02	0.06
5.	Andaman and N Island	0.05	0.09
6.	D and N Haveli	0.03	0.04
	Total	226.88	244.54

[Translation]

New Irrigation Schemes for Farmers

2439. SHRI RAMSHAKAL :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to execute new irrigation schemes for the small and marginal farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to execute the same;

(c) the fund allocated for 1996-97 and 1997-98 for implementing these new irrigation schemes;

(d) if so, whether the Government are considering the proposal of Jasauli Project of Sonbhadra district in Uttar Pradesh which has been pending for years; and

(e) the time by which the work on the said project is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Irrigation is a state subject. Irrigation schemes are planned, formulated and implemented by the State Government from their own resources.

(d) and (e) Proposal for Jasauli project benefitting Sonebhadra Distt. of Uttar Pradesh has not been received in Central Water Commission so far.

12.01 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Naval Prisons and Detention Quarters Regulations

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : I beg to lay on the table- A copy of Naval Priosons and Detention Quarters Regulations, 1996(Hindi and English Versions) published in notification No. S.R.O. 212 in Gazette of India dated 28th December, 1996 under section 185 of Naval Act, 1957.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1497/97]

Notification under Sub-Section (4) of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 etc.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : I beg to lay on the Table-

(1) A copy of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Senior Library and Information Assistant) Recruitment Rules, 1996(Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. G.S.R. 491 in Gazette of India dated the 9th November, 1996, issued under proviso to the article 309 of the Constitution.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1498/97]

(2) A copy each of the following Notifications (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 :

(i) G.S.R. 535(E) published in Gazette of India dated the 22nd November, 1996, approving the Tuticorin Port Employees (Leave) First Amendment Regulations, 1996.